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SUBJECT: ICCS: EMBASSY MILITARY/ POLITICAL BRIEFING FOR INDODEL

1. EMBASSY PROVIDED INDODEL WITH SECOND MILITARY/ POL BRIEFING MAY 3 COVERING LATEST MILITARY ACTIVITIES, INFILTRATION FIGURES, PRG/ GVN NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS, PRISONER EXCHANGE AND CURRENT FPJMT DEVELOPMENTS. AMB. IDRIS, GEN. WIYOGO, INDO CHIEF OF STAFF COL. SANTOSO, AND SENIOR POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ADVISORS ATTENDED.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF THE TWO- HOUR BRIEFING, ALL MEMBERS OF THE INDODEL GROUP INCREASINGLY ENTERED INTO DISCUSSIONS DISPLAYING IMPROVED GRASP AND AWARENESS OF CURRENT VIETNAM SCENE. THEIR QUESTIONS, SOME OF WHICH WERE PREPARED IN ADVANCE, FOCUSED ON BROAD ISSUES REGARDING CURRENT PATTERN OF WARFARE AND PRG/ DRV OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS SPECIFIC DETAILS SUCH AS PRG INTENTIONS IN BUILDING AIRFIELDS, NVA PULL- OUT FROM AROUND HUE AND RATE OF HEAVY ARTILLERY EXPENDITURES BY VC/ NVA FORCES.

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COMMENT: TO GET ANY POINTS ACROSS TO INDODELS, CONSIDERABLE PATIENCE
AND PLAIN TALK ARE REQUIRED BUT THEY ARE REGARDING OUR EFFORTS WITH A MEASURE OF PROGRESS AND WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THESE BRIEFINGS. FROM SIDE REMARKS, IT IS APPARENT INDODEL IS GREATLY CONCERNED WITH CURRENT STATE OF ICCSOTEST THE JMC' S UNILATERAL DECISION. HE FELT AT LEAST A WEEK WOULD PASS BEFORE NEW ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE. GOING WITHOUT THE ICCS WOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED A DESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR THE JMC. MAU SAID THE THREE PRG JMC MEMBERS ON THE PICKUP TEAM-- ALL CAPTAINS-- MADE NO COMMENT ON THE POSTPONEMENT.

4. THE CIVILIAN PRISONERS IN THE U MINH, WHO INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE HAMLET CHIEF, ARE LISTED AS COMING FROM VC SOC TRANG, RACH GIA, CA MAU, AND CAN THO PROVINCES. 90 PCNT ARE CHARGED WITH BEING GVN INFORMERS. BARNES UNQUOTE
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